

Introduced by Senator Wyland

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 2620 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 924, as introduced, Wyland. Physical therapy.

Existing law, the Physical Therapy Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of physical therapists by the Physical Therapy Board of California within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law defines "physical therapy" to mean, among other things, the art and science of physical or corrective rehabilitation or of physical or corrective treatment of any bodily or mental condition of any person by the use of the physical, chemical, and other properties of heat, light, water, electricity, sound, massage, and active, passive, and resistive exercise.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2620 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 2620. (a) Physical therapy ~~means~~ *shall mean* the art and
- 4 science of physical or corrective rehabilitation or of physical or
- 5 corrective treatment of any bodily or mental condition of any
- 6 person by the use of the physical, chemical, and other properties

1 of heat, light, water, electricity, sound, massage, and active,
2 passive, and resistive exercise, and shall include physical therapy
3 evaluation, treatment planning, instruction and consultative
4 services. The practice of physical therapy includes the promotion
5 and maintenance of physical fitness to enhance the bodily
6 movement related health and wellness of individuals through the
7 use of physical therapy interventions. The use of roentgen rays
8 and radioactive materials, for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes,
9 and the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including
10 cauterization, are not authorized under the term “physical therapy”
11 as used in this chapter, and a license issued pursuant to this chapter
12 does not authorize the diagnosis of disease.

13 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict or
14 prohibit other healing arts practitioners licensed or registered under
15 this division from practice within the scope of their license or
16 registration.